

East African Refugee Goat Co-Op of Utah



Who we are

The East African Refugee Goat Co-Op of Utah is a joint project of the Utah Burundian, Somali Bajuni and Somali Bantu refugee communities that seeks to invest in refugee youth. By leveraging demand for local fresh food and ecologically friendly land management, we raise money to support refugee youth.

What we do

Our mission is to enhance the well-being of the Somali Bantu, Burundi and Somali Bajuni refugees living in the Salt Lake Valley of Utah.

We generate revenue by selling goats for meat and renting goat herds for weed control in order to:

- support programs for youth and women, including academic scholarships for higher education
- provide paid and volunteer jobs for members of the community
- provide career paths in related fields for members of the community
- expand the project to include other refugee communities living in the Salt Lake Valley

Results

Meet a sizable demand for goat meat:

Finding goat meat for consumption in Utah can be challenging. The co-op will provide culturally appropriate, high-quality goat meat for a reasonable price.

Practice sustainable land management:

The co-op will provide land owners with environmentally friendly land management solutions through prescribed goat grazing. This will provide additional income to the project as well as employment opportunities to refugee community members.

Invest in the refugee community:

The co-op is dedicated to meeting the needs of refugees as well as those of the Utah community at large. Profits earned through goat sales and land management services will be invested in projects that support youth in the local East African refugee community.

How you can help

We are looking for individuals or groups who can sponsor the purchase of the following items:

- portable goat shelters
- work vehicles
- water tanks
- livestock trailers
- tractors
- fences
- winter feed
- goats

To make a donation, contact Natalie El-Deiry:
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To learn more about how to get involved,
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